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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In the Specification:

Please substitute enclosed page 2 for the like-numbered page of the English translation of the PCT application.

The foregoing amended page 2 includes the following amendment:

page 2, line 1, "deleted "March 12, 1999".

In the Abstract:

Please substitute enclosed page 16 for the like-numbered page of the English translation of the PCT application.

The foregoing amended Abstract includes the following amendments:

line 1, deleted "March 12, 1999";

line 2, deleted "Abstract" and inserted -- ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE --;

closed up lines 5 and 6 to make one paragraph;

line 7, deleted "(10, 12)"; and

line 8, deleted "(11)".

In the Claims:

Cancel claims 1-10 and insert the following new claims 11-20:

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